(घ) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) : (क) और (ख) गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (आन्तरिक सुरक्षा) ने जम्मू और कश्मीर राज्य में विकास योजनाओं की प्रगति की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए 21-3-1994 को एक बैठक की थी । इस बैठक में, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों, जैसे ग्रामीण विकास, लघु उद्योग, बैंकिंग, विद्युत, खाद्य प्रशंसकरण, लोक निर्माण, कृषि, बागवानी, हथकरघा, हस्तशिल्प और रेशम के कीड़ों का पालन और पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में की गयी प्रगति की समीक्षा की गयी और इन क्षेत्रों में विकास गतिविधियों को तेज करने के लिए समुचित निर्देश दिए गए ।

(ग) और (घ) कश्मीरी प्रवासियों को बसाने के मामले पर विचार विमर्श नहीं किया गया क्योंकि नीतिगत मामले के रूप में प्रवासियों को स्थायी तौर पर घाटी से बाहर के स्थानों पर बसाने का कोई इरादा नहीं हैं ।

Terrorist Activities in India by Kashmiris Abroad *

2597. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a network of terrorism with its centre in England, is being operate! by some British citizens of Kashmir origin to carry out subversive and terrorist activities in India;

(b) whether a Britith citizen, Ahmed Omar Syed Shaikh, was recently arrested in Uttar Pradesh in connection wiih the abduction of four foreing tourists;

(c) whether the network has spread its tentacles in the Capital and othe<- important centres of trade, commerce and education and constitutes a serious threat to the country's internal security and well-being; and

(d) what concrete measures have been or are being taken to smash this network ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Various militant outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir having links with some Kashmiris settled in England, who have been providing covert and overt support to the outfits in the State have come to notice.

(h) Y.s, Sir.

liri militants have come to notice i Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the Reports are available indk 'SI plans olence and subversion in vulnerable in various ' by arrested mili- the ulterior plans of Kashmiri militants to spread \ Science to various ; ' cou'vry.

(d) Government is alive t.) the situation and all necessary steps in this regard which mclude gearing uo of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by central and i ?encies including intelligence sharing, deployment of para-military forces as well as : d patrolling in vulnerable;

Pak Activities on Jammu an J Kashmir border

«. SHRT VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will tie PRIME MINISTER be pleased to

(a) whether Government have received reports that Pakistan is con' its forces and increasing anti-Tndia activities on Indo-Pal: bqrder, especially in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE <5>*ARI* BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The situation is being constantly assessed by the Government and appropriate steps ai'5 taken to ensure full defence pre-par dness.

Kashmir Problem

2599 SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as early as in 1952, D-. Syama Prasad Mookerjee had stated in his historic speech that fl.e problem ofKash. mir was that the Pakistan shou'C be asked to vacate the Pak-occupied areas of Kashmir •

(b) if so, the reasons for which he has an nounced this stani from the rampart !f Red Fort in his Independence Day spe year; and

(c) what is the r.t'itude of Gove of India today on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF ST ATI IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) It is a fact that Pakistan continues to b; in un-authorised occupation of a part of Jimmu & Kashmir. While referring to frequent state-ments by Pak leaders about Kashmir b the unfinished task, the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address of 19' 4 had stated that there is only one unfinished task and that is the restoration of Pak ouupied part of Kashmir to India. The effort of the Govt, of India is to resolve this proble n, and other outstanding issues of difference; with Pakistan, by peaceful bilateral dii the spirit of Shimla Agreement of 1972, i i continued efforts of Pakistan to try tc nationalise the issue relating to Jamrr.u & Kashmir.

Bomb Blast in Outskirts of Jammu

2600. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a power-ful bomb blast in a private bus that exploded o November, 1994 at the outskirts of J.immu City;

(b) if so, whether eight pilgrims, including a child, bound for Vaishno Devi were killed and 40 others sustained injury;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ii A esti-gate into t< if the blast and to se; that incidents of this nature do not recur in future; and

(d) what is the com Hint proposed to be paid by Government to the kith of those affected by t he incide

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HRJ BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) No such incident took place on 29-11-1994. However, on 28-11-1994, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, resulting in the instant death of 8 persons and injuries to 44 others. Tr/o of the injured later succumbed to their injuries.

(c) Efforts are on to trace the culprits be hind tlje bomb blast. Intensified patrolling by the police/security forces, establishment of ck posts on routes/roads coming to Jammu, surprise checks of buses, checking of loading, launching of public awareness compaign and apprehension of anti-social jspected trans-border smugglers are some of the steps being taken to avoid rrence of such incidents.

(d) Ex-gr itia relief of Rupees 1 lakh each has been announced by the State Government i of persons who were killed, and Rs. 50 >se injured.

Proposal From JKLF Leader on Kashmir Issue

2601. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Members of Parliament have received copies of an appeal made by the self-* J Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Libe it to the People of India, sent from London, giving proposals regarding solution to the so-called Kashmir problem; and

(b) whethar Government have also recei-similar proposals from the JKLF and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of letters purported to have i the self-styled Chair. man of the JKLF from Pakistan. It is not considered necessary to react to the same.

Mercenaries Operating in Kashmir

2602. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether mercenaries of dilfere.it countries have been operating in Kashmir since the onset of anti-India Militancy in 1990.

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of countries to which these mercenaries belong;